GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:24
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2005
CIRCULATION OF FAKE CURRENCY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the economy of the country is sought to be destablised by circulating a large amount of fake currency;

(b) if so, the details of individuals/organisations/agencies found to be involved therein;

(c) the number of cases of circulation of fake currency unearthed during each of the last three years till date, State-wise;

(d) the number of persons arrested and the value of fake currency seized during the said period; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 24 FOR 26.07.2005 REGARDING CIRCULATION OF FAKE CURRENCY.

(a) to (e): Information available on recoveries/seizures made by banks and law enforcement agencies suggests that circulation of fake Indian currency notes has been noticed. However, the quantity of fake Indian currency notes is miniscule as compared to the total volume of Indian bank notes in circulation.

As per the information compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, the State/UT-wise details of fake Indian currency recovered/seized and number of cases registered during the period 2002-2005 (up to March2005) is given in Annexure-I. The number of persons arrested under counterfeiting during the year 2002 and 2003 is given in Annexure-II. Information for years 2004 and 2005 is not available.

'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such registration, investigation and prevention of crime including cases of fake currency is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

The Government has taken a number of steps to curb circulation of fake currency notes in the country. These inter-alia include shoring up of vigilance by the Border Security Force/Customs authorities to prevent smuggling of fake currency notes into the country and dissemination of information on security features through print and electronic media for the benefit of public. Further, based on the recommendations of a High-level Committee set up by the Ministry of Finance, some additional security features have been approved for incorporation in Indian bank notes making counterfeiting extremely difficult.

Statement of Counterfeit Currency (Recovered & Seized) showing Value (in Rs.) & Cases for the year 2002 to 2005 (upto March 2005)

States	2002			2003			2004			2005		
	Value in Rs (R)	Cases (S)	(R+S)	Value in Rs (R)	Cases (S)	(R+S)	Value in Rs (R)	Cases (S)	(R+S)	Value in Rs (R)	Cases (S)	(R+S)
Andhra Pradesh	2367720	3399950	5767670	102	1729120	3785685	5514805	244	1540760	4605770	6146530	163	235850	687050	922900	41
Arunachal Pr.	0	13450	13450	6	0	13000	13000	7	0	2700	2700	3	0	0	0	0
Assam	871460	585990	1457450	52	1265200	1736400	3001600	67	675250	570580	1245830	48	213250	30750	244000	10
Bihar	2493030	0	2493030	1	3580770	231540	3812310	44	2605610	28300	2633910	10	542750	16000	558750	2
Chattisgarh	0	0	0	0	500	169600	170100	12	0	237520	237520	8	0	17780	17780	8
Goa	#	0	2200	2200	3	11250	18900	30150	3	0	0	0	0	0	43200	43200	2
Gujarat	3122430	3869460	6991890	39	2131810	4357410	6489220	247	1457950	1385200	2843150	120	155850	937470	1093320	187
Haryana	5500	277507	283007	29	0	383000	383000	29	0	315930	315930	35	0	600	600	2
Himachal Pr.	0	0	0	0	0	11600	11600	2	0	32370	32370	6	0	0	0	0
J & K	246300	3735700	3982000	18	278130	611800	889930	24	553640	1326890	1880530	31	48350	28300	76650	6
Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	33550	33550	14	0	144400	144400	12	0	10050	10050	5
Karnataka	2063060	2851150	4914210	121	991200	1625285	2616485	108	1541060	725490	2266550	48	277180	380310	657490	31
Kerala	586810	1368740	1955550	68	401300	959225	1360525	59	594340	612650	1206990	58	128200	635715	763915	28
Madhya Pr.	77890	328920	406810	45	345060	99210	444270	20	794140	389160	1183300	26	227140	299100	526240	9
Maharashtra	4307010	3831830	8138840	92	4191570	2591205	6782775	183	3494360	11603230	15097590	119	580135	338020	918155	57
Manipur	0	418300	418300	11	0	211500	211500	7	0	414600	414600	4	0	744050	744050	4
Meghalaya	0	40900	40900	6	0	30600	30600	6	0	35700	35700	2	0	50	50	1
Mizoram	0	118500	118500	15	1400	268400	269800	12	0	795000	795000	7	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	7400	7400	5	0	127300	127300	5	0	0	0	0	0	23600	23600	2
Orissa	#	207411	51875	259286	10	346720	130310	477030	9	574950	49500	624450	5	180600	5300	185900	3
Punjab	0	2302100	2302100	18	200	4038650	4038850	38	0	7205070	7205070	63	0	312050	312050	11
Rajasthan	1908820	12120	1920940	11	1787710	529870	2317580	22	2105060	3827818	5932878	72	388480	409900	798380	18
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	342000	342000	4	0	1300	1300	1	0	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	1421800	2802245	4224045	87	1503710	1741560	3245270	47	1694860	6568440	8263300	49	125960	576590	702550	10
Tripura	0	46450	46450	4	0	113100	113100	10	0	95200	95200	12	0	75300	75300	7

Uttar Pradesh 6560620 560120 7120740 69 3179450 3138480 6317930 158 2369285 4351175 6720460 119 589260 578475 1167735 55
Uttaranchal 0 0 0 0 0 7200 7200 7 0 57500 57500 16 0 68050 68050 3
West Bengal 2844124 16000 2860124 5 3229010 695150 3924160 57 1513670 1226900 2740570 100 443840 910400 1354240 21

Total (States) 29083985 26640907 55724892 817 24974110 28001530 52975640 1445 21514935 46608393 68123328 1137 4136845 7128110 11264955 523

Territories

A & Nicobar 0 0 0 0 4550 200 4750 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Chandigarh 687250 392120 1079370 6 771450 1600 773050 2 1245080 28350 1273430 4 430570 0 430570 0
D & N Haveli 0 0 0 0 0 9900 9900 1 0 0 0 0 0 8450 8450 3
Daman & Diu ## 0 0 0 0 0 1800 1800 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Delhi 9456670 4600 9461270 3 3526790 299950 3826740 11 4316090 1442100 5758190 31 551800 71900 623700 4
Lakshadweep 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 100 100 1 0 0 0 0
Pondicherry 0 2800 2800 3 0 200 200 1 0 2900 2900 2 0 0 0 0

Total (UTs) 10143920 399520 10543440 12 4302790 313650 4616440 19 5561170 1473450 7034620 38 982370 80350 1062720 7
Total(All-Ind.)39227905 27040427 66268332 829 29276900 28315180 57592080 1464 27076105 48081843 75157948 1175 5119215 7208460 12327675 530

(R) - Recovered by Banks

(S) - Seized by Police

Figures for the year 2005 are provisional

Data not available for the year 2005 : ## February & March, # March

PERSONS ARRESTED UNDER COUNTERFEITING DURING 2002 - 2003

S.NO. STATE/UT 2002 2003

1 ANDHRA PRADESH 257 380
2 ARUNACHAL PRADESH 15 4
3 ASSAM 110 100
4 BIHAR 146 108
5 CHHATTISGARH 18 11
6 GOA 5 2
7 GUJARAT 90 145
8 HARYANA 66 64
9 HIMACHAL PRADESH 0 3
10 JAMMU & KASHMIR 13 15
11 JHARKHAND 21 21
12 KARNATAKA 198 116
13 KERALA 220 237
14 MADHYA PRADESH 59 26
15 MAHARASHTRA 212 166
16 MANIPUR 11 12
17 MEGHALAYA 9 4
18 MIZORAM 25 13
19 NAGALAND 2 2
20 ORISSA 10 28
21 PUNJAB 98 134
22 RAJASTHAN 63 66
23 SIKKIM 0 0
24 TAMIL NADU 149 122
25 TRIPURA 0 10
26 UTTAR PRADESH 226 258
27 UTTARANCHAL 8 87
28 WEST BENGAL 110 135

TOTAL (STATES) 2141 2269

29 A&N ISLANDS 0 0
30 CHANDIGARH 8 2
31 D&N HAVELI 0 0
32 DAMAN & DIU 0 1
33 DELHI UT 113 53
34 LAKSHADWEEP 0 0
35 PONDICHERRY 4 1

TOTAL (UTs) 125 57

TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	2266	2326

SOURCE: CRIME IN INDIA

NOTE: DATA FOR 2004 IS STILL AWAITED FROM SOME STATES/UTs